

REMARKS

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 103

1. Claims 1-16, 18-46 and 48-56 are pending in this application. Examiner has rejected claims 55 and 56 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,841,771 to Irwin et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,825,779 to Putins et al. Applicant hereby cancels claims 55 and 56.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

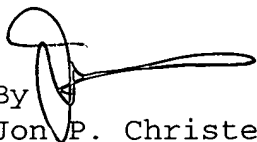
2. Examiner has allowed claims 1-16, 18-46, and 48-54. Examiner has cited several reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter. The reasons for allowing claims 1, 16, 35 and 45, according to the Examiner, include the "limitations wherein the step of determining whether the exchanged information should be compressed or decompressed further comprises compressing and saving the information under both compressed and uncompressed formats and selecting one of the compressed and uncompressed formats based upon the status of the specific bit locations, and wherein the step of determining whether the exchanged data should be decompressed further comprises decompressing the information and overwriting corresponding predetermined memory locations with the decompressed information when the

status of the specific bit locations indicate that the corresponding predetermined memory locations contain compressed data."

3. Examiner has also allowed claims 2-15, 18-34, 36-44, 46 and 48-54 because these claims depend upon, and include further limitations of, one of claims 1, 16, 35 and 45.

4. Allowance of claims 1-16, 18-46, and 48-54, as now presented, is believed to be in order and such action is earnestly solicited.

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